

Advisor of the Month

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Jon Diaz
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Mandatory Advising
Program



Advisor of the Month is an award in which staff on campus who have academic advising roles can give their advising peers recognition for their ability to go above and beyond in their roles and with students.

February's Advisor of the Month is **Jon Diaz**, academic advising coordinator in the Academic Advising Center, and assistant director of the Mandatory Advising Program. One of his nominations demonstrates the impact and dedication he has not only to students, but others stepping into advising roles:

"As my mentor, Jon has gone above and beyond in helping me excel in my position as a peer advisor. He has gained my confidence as an advisor, and my ability to help students at the University of Utah. He has given many students a meaningful appointment as they explore and navigate their own college journeys. On one occasion he met with a transfer student who was unfamiliar with the campus and worried about getting lost on their first day. After their appointment, Jon walked with the student all over campus to show him where his classes were being held. Jon has exemplified the mission of our university, and has positively impacted the people here."

Jon has been an advisor on the U's campus since October 2017 and is originally from Honduras and grew up in Florida. He shared the following about his advising:

"I meet students where they're at. Try to see things from their point of view. Listen to them and seek to understand them as best as possible. When this happens, as an advisor, I am then able to help them as best as possible."

